Form **8879-TE**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

IRS E-file Signature Authorization for a Tax Exempt Entity

For calendar year 2024, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2024, and ending _____, 20___

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

Name of filer

SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA, INC.

EIN or SSN

45-3860236

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax ROBERT J KUHEL
TREASURER

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line **1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a,** or **10a** below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b,** or **10b,** whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	Form 990 check here	X	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	131,740.
2a	Form 990-EZ check here		b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a	Form 1120-POL check here		b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a	Form 990-PF check here		b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	
5a	Form 8868 check here		b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a	Form 990-T check here		b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a	Form 4720 check here		b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a	Form 5227 check here		b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a	Form 5330 check here		b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a	Form 8038-CP check here		b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that [X] I am an officer of the above entity or [ ] I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) _____, (EIN) _____ and that I have examined a copy of the 2024 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS **(a)** an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, **(b)** the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and **(c)** the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

PIN: check one box only

[X] I authorize WERMER ROGERS DORAN & RUZON, LLC to enter my PIN 19401
ERO firm name **Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros**

as my signature on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

[ ] As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax Robert J Kuhel Date 07/01/2025

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN. 36561800364
Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2024 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163,** Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature WERMER ROGERS DORAN & RUZON, LLC Date 06/30/25

ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions

Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So

EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning **and ending**

B Check if applicable:
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/ terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA, INC.

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 431 N. CHICAGO STREET

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code JOLIET, IL 60432

F Name and address of principal officer: JOSEPH VALENCIC
19315 MUSKOKA AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OH 44119

D Employer identification number 45-3860236

E Telephone number 815-727-1926

G Gross receipts $ 159,216.

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. See instructions

H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: WWW.SLOVENIANUNION.ORG

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 2011 **M** State of legal domicile: IL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE LEGACY OF SLOVENIAN-AMERICANS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	7
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	5
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	5	4
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	205
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.

Revenue

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	57,495.	70,164.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	73,677.	36,013.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	12,654.	17,903.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	848.	7,660.
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	144,674.	131,740.

Expenses

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	5,250.	6,048.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	19,096.	23,176.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 0.		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	131,864.	82,372.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	156,210.	111,596.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-11,536.	20,144.

Net Assets or Fund Balances

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	541,240.	599,753.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	18,726.	50,551.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	522,514.	549,202.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer ROBERT J. KUHEL, TREASURER Robert Kuhel Date 6/30/25

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name			Firm's EIN	
Firm's address			Phone no.	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ..... [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
PROMOTE AND PRESERVE THE LEGACY OF SLOVENIAN-AMERICANS, THROUGH A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION, WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, EDUCATIONAL MUSEUM, SLOVENIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES, COOKBOOK PUBLICATION, WEBSITE COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITES TO PROMOTE SLOVENIAN CULTURE AND

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ..... [ ] Yes [X] No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ..... [ ] Yes [X] No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses $ 36,234. including grants of $) (Revenue $ 36,013.)
ORGANIZATION PUBLISHES A QUARTERLY MAGAZINES KNOW AS "ZARJA" (THE DAWN)" IN 2024, PUBLISHED 6,753 MAGAZINES WITH AVERAGE OF 40 PAGES. MAGAZINES ARE PRINTED IN COLOR ON GLOSSY PAPER. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES OF $35 INCLUDES THE MAGAZINE. ANNUAL MAILING EXPENSE FOR 6,753 MAGAZINES IS $5,596. NON MEMBERS PAY $8.99 EACH AND INTERNATIONAL $15,99 EA. MAGAZINES CONTAIN: PRESIDENT'S REPORT ON EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES, LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, LIST OF DONORS WITH NAMES AND AMOUNTS, DONATIONS OF ARTIFACTS, VARIOUS ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY DONORS IN TRIBUTE TO LONG TERM MEMBERS, FAMILY SLOVENIAN GENEALOGY, AND TRADITIONAL FOOD RECIPES. THERE ARE TWO PART TIME EMPLOYEES, EDITOR AND DESIGNR.$10.400 AND TWO PART TIME CONTRACTOR PROOFREADERS, ONE ENGLISH

4b (Code:) (Expenses $ 14,522. including grants of $) (Revenue $)
HERITAGE EDUATIONAL MUSEUM CONTAINS A COLLECTION OF IMMIGRANT'S ARTIFACTS SUCH AS PHOTOS, BOOKS, DIARIES,CLOTHING, UNIFORMS , TRUNKS, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, WORK TOOLS, AND FURNITURE, ETC. LIBRARY HOLDINGS HAVE OVER 900 BOOKS AND SPECIAL COLLECTION FROM A RECOGNIZED SLOVENIAN AMERICAN ARTIST BROGAN GROM (1918 TO 2013). THERE IS A SMALL GIFT SHOP AND MUSEUM IS OPENED BY APPOINTMENT. HARTFORD INSURANCE PROVIDES MUSEUM COVERAGE OF $136,400, PLUS VALUABLE PAPERS $50,000, 1940 PORTRAIT PAINTING OF FOUNDER $4,000 AND ROADSIDE CHAPEL AT A CEMETARY $25,000.
HISTORICALLY, ORGANIZATION MOVED FROM CHICAGO IL TO JOLIET IL IN NOVEMBER 1976 TO A 2 1/2 STORY BRICK BUILDING CONSTRUCTED IN 1910. TOTAL FIRST FLOOR IS 1,324 SQ FT, MUSEUM IS 729 SQ FT WITH LIBRARY

4c (Code:) (Expenses $ 6,049. including grants of $) (Revenue $)
THERE ARE 20 BRANCHES IN 9 STATES AND D.C. WITH 1,799 MEMBERS. BRANCHES CONTRIBUTED $3,049 TO VARIOUS LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES/FOOD PANTRIES, CHURCHES, LIBRARIES, ETC

THERE WERE 3 EDUCATION GRANTS OF $1,000 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF $3,000. PRGORAM IS MANAGED BY THE CULTURAL COMMITTEE OF 4 MEMBERS. CHAIR PERSON IS FROM BOARD AND 3 OTHERS ARE FROM 3 DIFFERENT BRANCHES. PROGRAM IS ADVERTISED IN THE QUARTERLY PUBLICATIONI "ZARJA" AND ON THE WEBSITE. APPLICATION FORM OF TWO PAGES CAN BE DOWLOADED FROM WEBSITE. DUE DATE IS JULY 1 AND 20 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FOR 2024. COMMITTEE FOLLOWS ITS POLICY/PROCEDURE AND USES AN EVALUATION TOOL KNOWN AS THE RUBRIC SCORING SHEET. IN ADDITION TO OTHER APPLICATION

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
(Expenses $ 6,808. including grants of $) (Revenue $ 4,223.)

4e Total program service expenses 63,613.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors*? See instructions	2		X
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I*	3		X
4	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I*	6		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8	X	
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X, as applicable.			
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI*	11a	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII*	11b		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII*	11c		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX*	11d		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11e		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X*	11f		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII*	12a		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? *If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional*	12b		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at $100,000 or more? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV*	14b		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV*	15		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than $5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV*	16		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than $15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.* See instructions	17		X
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18	X	
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20a		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*	24a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	**Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.** Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28a		X
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28b		X
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	28c		X
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in noncash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	29		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	30		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	32		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	33		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1*	34		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	35b		
36	**Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	36		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	37		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note:** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	2		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c			

Part V **Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance** *(continued)*

			Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 2a 4			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O*	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than $100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of $75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**			
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10b			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders 11a			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 11b			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12b			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note:** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand 13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O*	14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than $1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15		X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16		X
17	**Section 501(c)(21) organizations.** Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure. *For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.*

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI X

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a	7		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.				
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	5		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2			X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3			X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4			X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5			X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		X	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a		X	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		X	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?	8a		X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b			X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O*	9			X

Section B. Policies *(This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)*

			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X	
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	X	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X	
b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.			
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13*	12a	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? *If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done*	12c	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	X	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

X Own website ☐ Another's website X Upon request ☐ Other *(explain on Schedule O)*

19 Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII X

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than $100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ROBERT J KUHEL NATIONAL TREASURER	23.50			X				0.	6,000.	0.
(2) ANNETTE CHARRON NATIONAL VP OF OUTREACH	6.50			X				600.	0.	0.
(3) JOSEPH A VALENCIC NATIONAL PRESIDENT	8.00			X				0.	0.	0.
(4) ANNELISE BENITEZ NATIONAL VP OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE	5.00			X				0.	0.	0.
(5) GEORGENE AGNICH NATIONAL VP OF HOME OFFICE	20.00			X				0.	0.	0.
(6) CHRISTINA ECHEVARRIA NATIONAL VP OF MARKETING/F	20.00			X				0.	0.	0.
(7) MARY GLAIZE NATIONAL CORRESPONDING & R	10.00			X				0.	0.	0.

Part VII **Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b **Subtotal**								600.	6,000.	0.
c **Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A**								0.	0.	0.
d **Total (add lines 1b and 1c)**								600.	6,000.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 0

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*		X
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than $150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*		X
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address NONE	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b	26,961.				
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	43,203.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	$				
	h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f			70,164.			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code					
	2a HERITAGE PUBLICATION-Z	513120		36,013.	36,013.		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g **Total.** Add lines 2a-2f			36,013.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)						
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
			(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross rents	6a					
	b Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
			(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a					
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d Net gain or (loss)			17,903.			17,903.
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	27,076.				
	b Less: direct expenses	8b	26,048.				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			1,028.			1,028.
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a	2,495.				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b	1,428.				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			1,067.	1,067.		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
	11a GIFT SHOP SALES	459420		395.	395.		
	b ADVERTISING REVENUE	623990		290.	290.		
	c						
	d All other revenue	900099		4,880.	4,880.		
	e **Total.** Add lines 11a-11d			5,565.			
	12 **Total revenue.** See instructions			131,740.	42,645.	0.	18,931.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

	Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	3,048.	3,048.		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	3,000.	3,000.		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6	Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	21,360.	12,592.	8,768.	
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes	1,816.	1,071.	745.	
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management	4,010.	1,000.	3,010.	
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	1,648.		1,648.	
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees	5,082.		5,082.	
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)				
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	41,277.	27,734.	13,543.	
14	Information technology	836.		836.	
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	19,242.	12,700.	6,542.	
17	Travel	979.	979.		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,501.		4,501.	
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates	112.		112.	
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,972.	1,268.	1,704.	
23	Insurance	1,688.	221.	1,467.	
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	ANNUAL COPORATE REPORT	15.		15.	
b	ANNUAL AG990-IL TO STAT	10.		10.	
c					
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	**Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24e	111,596.	63,613.	47,983.	0.
26	**Joint costs.** Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	85,304.	1	116,211.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	1,812.	8	2,865.
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,405.	9	14,861.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a: 113,842.			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation — 10b: 88,824.	27,990.	10c	25,018.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities	421,729.	11	440,798.
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	541,240.	16	599,753.
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,041.	17	15,271.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	3,685.	19	35,280.
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25	18,726.	26	50,551.
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here** ☒ **and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.**			
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	522,514.	27	549,202.
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ **and complete lines 29 through 33.**			
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances	522,514.	32	549,202.
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	541,240.	33	599,753.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	131,740.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	111,596.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	20,144.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	522,514.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	6,544.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	549,202.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a		X
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b		X
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis			
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	2c		
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?	3a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b		